

1 H.265

2 Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

3 Date:

4 Subject: Taxation; education property tax; rates

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to set the

6 education property tax rates and base education amount for fiscal year 2014.

7 An act relating to the education property tax rates and base education
8 amount for fiscal year 2014

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. FISCAL YEAR 2014 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX RATES AND

11 APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE

12 (a) For fiscal year 2014 only, the education property tax imposed under
13 32 V.S.A. § 5402(a) shall be reduced from the rates of \$1.59 and \$1.10 and
14 shall instead be at the following rates:

15 (1) the tax rate for nonresidential property shall be \$1.44
16 per \$100.00; and

17 (2) the tax rate for homestead property shall be \$0.94 multiplied by the
18 district spending adjustment for the municipality per \$100.00 of equalized
19 property value as most recently determined under 32 V.S.A. § 5405.

1 (b) For claims filed in 2014 only, “applicable percentage” in 32 V.S.A.
2 § 6066(a)(2) shall be reduced from 2.0 percent and instead shall be 1.80
3 percent multiplied by the fiscal year 2014 district spending adjustment for the
4 municipality in which the homestead residence is located; but in no event shall
5 the applicable percentage be less than 1.80 percent.

6 Sec. 2. FISCAL YEAR 2014 BASE EDUCATION AMOUNT

7 As provided in 16 V.S.A. § 4011(b), the base education amount for fiscal
8 year 2014 shall be \$9,151.00.

Sec. 3. INTENT FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

It is the intent of the General Assembly to examine our current education
funding system. In order to achieve that goal, the House Committee on Ways
and Means will continue their efforts to address concerns regarding education
property taxes, including the financing, oversight, and educational outcomes of
our current system and shall report its findings to the General Assembly by
March 15, 2014 with the goal of implementing any statutory changes for the
2015-2016 school year.

9 Sec. ~~3~~ 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage and apply to education property tax
11 rates and the base education amount for fiscal year 2014.